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1. A method for identifying the name of a song input by a first user:
 - a. inputting a voice clip of a portion of the song into a microphone connected to a client machine;
 - b. providing the voice clip to a server connected to the Internet;
 - c. selectively providing further information relating to the song to the server; and
 - d. receiving at the client machine an electronic notification from the server that the song has been identified.
2. The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes a hypertext link to a predetermined page constructable by the server.
3. The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes at least one of the name of the song and the artist.
4. The method as in claim 1, including the additional steps at the server of:
 - a. receiving plural responses to the first user's voice clip from plural additional users who are not the first user;
 - b. testing the responses the first user's voice clip for matching data concerning at least one of the name of the song and the artist's identity; and

- c. transmitting to the client machine the electronic notification only in the event that a predetermined number of responses include matching data.

5. The method as in claim 4, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional users who submitted responses that had matching data.

6. A method for fostering a community of users at a website which includes music-related content, comprising the steps of:

- a. downloading a voice clip to a user at a client machine from the Web site;
- b. playing the voice clip at the client machine;
- c. selectively providing a response from the client machine to the Web server the response including a song name or artist's name; and
- d. awarding a benefit to the user for the response provided that at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied.

7. The method as in claim 6, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is that plural responses from other users concerning the same voice clip match within prescribed parameters.

8. The method as in claim 6, wherein plural voice clips are downloaded to the user, the plural voice clips comprising a playlist.

9. The method as in claim 8, wherein the voice clips in the playlist are compiled so as to more evenly distribute voice clips to plural users.
10. The method as in claim 6, including the additional step of deleting one or more voice clips from the database in response to at least one predetermined criterion.
11. The method as in claim 6, wherein the user has voice clips downloaded to the client machine which have not been previously downloaded to that user.
12. A method for identifying the name of a song input by a first user:
- a. inputting a voice clip of a portion of the song into a microphone of a telephone as well as first user identification information;
 - b. providing the voice clip to a server connected to the Internet;
 - c. selectively providing further information relating to the song to the server; and
 - d. receiving an electronic notification from the server that the song has been identified, the electronic notification being received at a client machine in response to receipt of the first user identification information.
13. The method as in claim 12, wherein the electronic notification includes a hypertext link to a predetermined page constructable by the server.

14. The method as in claim 12, wherein the electronic notification includes at least one of the name of the song and the artist.
15. The method as in claim 12, including the additional steps at the server of:
- a. receiving plural responses to the first user's voice clip from plural additional users who are not the first user;
 - b. testing the responses the first user's voice clip for matching data concerning at least one of the name of the song and the artist's identity; and
 - c. transmitting to the client machine the electronic notification only in the event that a predetermined number of responses include matching data.
16. The method as in claim 15, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional users who submitted responses that had matching data.
17. The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from the client machine upon accessing the server.
18. The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from a cookie stored on the client machine.

19. The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received from the client machine in response to manual input by the first user.